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WHITE AWARDS PENNY SEVERNS SUMMER FAMILY LITERACY GRANTS

SPRINGFIELD— Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White has awarded 55 grants totaling \$250,000 that will allow Illinois families to participate in this summer's Penny Severns Summer Family Literacy Program.

"Now in its sixth year, the Penny Severns Summer Family Literacy Program provides positive, interactive reading and learning activities in which parents and children participate together during times when other reading programs are not operating," said White. "Last year, almost 1,900 parents and 3,200 children participated in the program. Adult learners and children working to improve their literacy skills need access to educational programs year round, and this program meets that need while enhancing the bond between parents and children."

The program is named in honor of the late State Senator Penny Severns (D-Decatur) and provides instructional service to improve the basic reading, math, writing or language skills of both parents and children during the summer, when many other educational programs are closed. Services include instruction and interactive, reciprocal learning experiences that parents and children participate in together. Individual grants are awarded to educational agencies such as libraries, community colleges, community-based organizations, school districts, and volunteer literacy organizations.

" Illinois' network of community-based literacy programs, offered by libraries, community colleges, school districts and others, is making a profound difference in the lives of citizens who want to achieve their utmost potential in life by improving their reading, writing, math or language skills," White said. "I am extremely grateful to the men and women, especially our volunteer tutors, who take time to work with literacy students.

"Penny Severns was a dear friend of mine. She truly believed that public service was a noble profession, and that government could make a positive impact on the lives of citizens. Her selflessness, sense of purpose and compassion is reflected in the literacy program bearing her name."

White said the following organizations have been selected to receive grants:

Aledo	Aledo Mercer-Carnegie Public Library District	\$4,800.00
Arlington Heights	Township High School District 214	\$4,800.00
Aurora	Aurora Public Library	\$4,800.00
Belleville	Regional Office of Education - St. Clair County	\$4,800.00
Belleville	Southwestern Illinois College	\$4,800.00
Benld	Frank Bertetti Benld Public Library	\$2,500.00
Benton	Benton Public Library District	\$4,500.00
Biggsville	Henderson County Even Start	\$4,800.00
Breese	Breese Public Library	\$3,798.00
Canton	Spoon River College	\$4,800.00
Carbondale	Southern Illinois University	\$4,800.00
Carterville	John A. Logan College	\$4,800.00
Centralia	Kaskaskia College	\$3,758.00
Centreville	Centreville Public Library	\$4,800.00
Chester	Chester Public Library	\$3,719.00
Chicago	Albany Park Community Center	\$4,800.00
Chicago	Allison United Foundation For Better Living	\$4,800.00
Chicago	Asian Human Services, Inc.	\$4,774.00
Chicago	Blue Gargoyle Youth Service Center	\$4,800.00
Chicago	Cathedral Shelter of Chicago	\$4,600.00
Chicago	Centro Romero	\$4,800.00
Chicago	Chinese Mutual Aid Association	\$4,800.00
Chicago	De La Salle Institute	\$4,800.00
Chicago	Howard Area Community Center	\$4,800.00
Chicago	Hull House Uptown Head Start	\$4,800.00
Chicago	Illinois Migrant Council	\$4,800.00
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Chicago	Instituto del Progreso Latino	\$4,800.00
Chicago	Literacy Chicago	\$4,800.00
Chicago	Midwest Asian American Center	\$4,768.00
Chicago	Muslim Women Resource Center	\$4,500.00
Chicago	Puerto Rican Cultural Center	\$4,800.00
Chicago	Sullivan House	\$4,793.00
Chicago	Sunlight African Community Center	\$4,800.00
Chicago	Vietnamese Association of Illinois	\$4,800.00
Collinsville	Collinsville Memorial Public Library	\$4,800.00
Dallas City	Great River Community Center	\$4,800.00
Decatur	Richland Community College	\$4,800.00
DuQuoin	DuQuoin Public Library	\$2,511.00
East St. Louis	East Saint Louis Public Library	\$4,180.00
Herrin	Herrin City Library	\$4,800.00
Jacksonville	Jacksonville School Dist #117 - Early Years Program	\$4,800.00
Macomb	McDonough County Even Start	\$4,600.00
Moline	Moline Even Start Family Literacy	\$4,800.00

Monmouth	Warren County Even Start	\$4,800.00
Mt. Vernon	Regional Office of Ed. - Hamilton/Jefferson Co	\$4,800.00
Normal	Regional Office of Ed. - DeWitt/Livingston/McLean	\$4,800.00
Oak Park	Literacy Volunteers of Western Cook County	\$4,800.00
Peoria	Peoria Public Library - Lakeview Branch	\$4,800.00
Peoria	Peoria Public Library - South Side Branch	\$2,331.00
Robinson	Robinson Public Library District	\$4,158.00
Salem	Bryan-Bennett Library	\$4,742.00
Venice	Venice Community Unit School District #3	\$4,800.00
Waukegan	Waukegan Public Library	\$3,368.00
West Frankfort	West Frankfort Public Library	\$4,800.00

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